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SUMMARY: CONSECTEAM CONSISTING OF SEABEES, MSG'S, AND TDY TSO SHOULD ARRIVE EAST BERLIN SOONEST, ONCE QUESTION OF UNLIMITED ACCESS TO SITES IS RESOLVED IN AFFIRMATIVE SENSE. END SUMMARY.

1. RSO CRAMPSEY AND OIC/RTC PELCZYNSKI HAVE VISITED BOTH CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE SITES DURING 2-5 SEPTEMBER. DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD AT AMEMB AND USMISSION BERLIN.

2. TWO UNRESOLVED ISSUES REMAIN AS MAJOR DETERMINANTS IN DECIDING COURSE OF ACTION NECESSARY FOR SUBJECT SURVEILLANCE: PRIMARY IS CRITICAL QUESTION OF ASSURING UNLIMITED ACCESS TO SITES FOR SURVEILLANCE PERSONNEL; SECOND IS WHETHER OR NOT RESIDENCE SITE IS TO BE INCLUDED.

3. ACCESS. BASED ON FIRST-HAND OBSERVATION, UNESCORTED VISITS TO SITES ARE NOT REPEAT NOT PERMITTED BY GDR.

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PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED THE PROBLEM WHEN TURNED AWAY FROM RESIDENCE BY ON-SITE GDR SUPERVISOR: THEY WERE DENIED ACCESS TO THE INTERIOR OF THE BUILDING AND NOT PERMITTED TO TOUR THE GROUNDS. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT ON QUESTION OF ACCESS BY SEPTTEL.

4. RESIDENCE. IF TECHNICAL SECURITY OF RESIDENCE IS TO BE A MATTER OF CONCERN IN FUTURE, PROTECTIVE STEPS MUST START SOONEST BY INCLUSION IN CONSEC TASKING. IF NOT INCLUDED, ALL CONCERNED SHOULD RECOGNIZE EXTREMELY WEAKENED SECURITY POSTURE WHICH WILL RESULT AT COMPLETED RESIDENCE.

5. ASSUMING QUESTIONS ARE RESOLVED SOON TO PERMIT 24-HOUR, UNESCORTED, UNANNOUNCED VISITS TO SITES, INCLUDING RESIDENCE, FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL APPLY FOR CONSECTEAM (DETAILED DISCUSSIONS REQUESTED REFTTEL WILL BE INCLUDED IN POUCHED TEAM REPORT):

A. RECOMMENDED CONSECTEAM COMPOSITION:

BOTH SIDES- 5 SEABEES

CHANCERY ONLY - 3 SEABEES

BOTH SIDES 6 MSG

CHANCERY ONLY 3 MSG

BOTH SIDES 1 TSO

CHANCERY ONLY 1 TSO

B. IF WORKING-HOURS ACCESS ONLY IS MAXIMUM PERMITTED, MSG'S WOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM TEAM.

C. ALL TDY PERSONNEL CAN BE QUARTERED IN EAST GERMAN HOTEL: ARRANGEMENTS ARE ADEQUATE AND WITHIN PER DIEM.

D. ALL PERSONNEL MUST HAVE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS WITH GDR VISAS, AND ARRIVE AT SCHONEFELD AIRPORT.

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E. MSG'S WOULD BE INTEGRATED INTO PRESENT DETACHMENT FOR WORK ASSIGNMENTS.

6. DURING INSPECTION IT WAS NOTED THAT THE 1ST FLOOR (STREET LEVEL) OF CHANCERY WILL HAVE NUMEROUS FLOOR-TO-CEILING WINDOWS TO BE INSTALLED IN THE FRONT FOYER, USIS LIBRARY AND CONSULAR SECTION. BELIEVE SY WASHINGTON SHOULD

RECOMMEND THAT A TRANSPARENT PLASTIC SUCH AS LEXON OR
SIMILAR NON-PENETRATION TYPE GLAZING BE SUBSTITUTED FOR
THE GLASS THAT IS PLANNED. LEXON SHOULD ALSO BE SUBSTITUTED
FOR GLASS IN COM-DCM EXECUTIVE SUITE. ALTHOUGH CHANCERY
SITE DOES HAVE AUXILIARY ILLUMINATION, CONSEC TEAM SHOULD
COME EQUIPPED WITH BATTERY-POWERED FLASHLIGHTS.

7. SUBJECT OF PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT OF RSO/TSO WILL BE
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